

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1        1 (Currently Amended). An information providing system, comprising:  
2                information providing means of delivering at least ~~anyone~~ one of  
3        first information including a pre-determined program or advertisement and  
4        second information including additional information relating to said first  
5        information; and  
6                ~~an~~ at least one information receiving terminal for a customer that  
7        receives at least ~~anyone~~ one of said first information and said second  
8        information,  
9                wherein in case of transmitting said second information to said at  
10       least one information receiving terminal, said information providing means  
11       ~~transmit~~ transmits said second information addressed to said at least one  
12       information receiving terminal, ~~which was~~ said second information having  
13       been prepared for ~~said~~ a customer corresponding to customer information  
14       relating to said customer, and  
15                wherein simultaneously an information transfer path, which is used  
16       in case that said first information is transmitted and received between said  
17       information providing means and said at least one information receiving  
18       terminal, and an information transfer path, which is used in case that said  
19       second information is transmitted and received between said information  
20       providing means and said at least one information receiving terminal, are  
21       identical or different.

1       2 (Currently Amended). An information providing system, comprising:  
2                first information providing means that ~~deliver~~ delivers via a first  
3       information transfer path first information including a pre-determined  
4       program and advertisement;

5                   second information providing means that ~~deliver~~ delivers via a  
6                   second information transfer path second information including detailed  
7                   information relating to said first information; and  
8                   ~~an~~ at least one information receiving terminal for a customer that  
9                   receives said first information via said first information transfer path and  
10                  ~~that receives~~ receiving said second information via said second  
11                  information transfer path,  
12                  wherein said second information providing means ~~transmit~~  
13                  transmits said second information addressed to said at least one  
14                  information receiving terminal, ~~which was~~ said second information having  
15                  been prepared for ~~said~~ a customer corresponding to customer information  
16                  relating to said customer.

1                  3 (Currently Amended). An information providing system, comprising:  
2                   first information providing means that ~~deliver~~ delivers via a first  
3                   information transfer path first information including a pre-determined  
4                   program and advertisement;  
5                   second information providing means that ~~deliver~~ delivers via a  
6                   second information transfer path second information including detailed  
7                   information relating to said first information;  
8                   a first information receiving terminal for a first customer that  
9                   receives said first information via said first information transfer path and  
10                  that receives said second information via said second information transfer  
11                  path responding to ~~necessity~~ an input by said first customer; and  
12                  at least one a second information receiving terminal for at least one  
13                  a second customer that receives at least said second information  
14                  responding to ~~necessity~~ an input by said at least one second customer,  
15                  wherein said first information receiving terminal transmits to said  
16                  at least one second information receiving terminal for said at least one  
17                  second customer via said second information providing means

18 recommendation information for said at least one ~~said~~ second customer,  
19 which was prepared based on either said first or said second information,  
20 and  
21 wherein said second information providing means ~~transmit~~  
22 transmits to said first information receiving terminal said second  
23 information for said first customer, which was prepared corresponding to  
24 first customer information relating to said first customer, responding to a  
25 request from said first information receiving terminal, and in case that it  
26 received said recommendation information from said first information  
27 receiving terminal, it simultaneously transfers said recommendation  
28 information to said at least one second information receiving terminal, and  
29 ~~yet~~ transmits to said at least one second information receiving terminal  
30 said second information for said at least one second customer, which was  
31 prepared corresponding to said recommendation information and second  
32 customer information relating to said at least one second customer,  
33 responding to a request from said second information receiving terminal.

1 4 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2 claim 3, wherein said first information receiving terminal prepares  
3 recommendation information for a single or ~~plural~~ a plurality of specific  
4 ~~said second customer(s)~~ customers based on said first or said second  
5 information responding to ~~necessity~~ a command to transmit said  
6 recommendation information to said single or a plurality of second  
7 information receiving ~~terminal~~ terminals via said second information  
8 providing means.

1 5 (Original). The information providing system according to claim 3,  
2 comprising evaluation means of making an evaluation for rewarding said  
3 first customer responding to a contribution degree by said first customer to  
4 prevalence of at least said first information.

1       6 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2       claim 5, wherein, in case that said first information includes advertising  
3       information, said evaluation means ~~make~~ makes an evaluation for  
4       rewarding said first customer responding to a contribution degree to  
5       commercial transaction achievements relating to products or services as an  
6       object of an advertisement.

1       7 (Original). The information providing system according to claim 3,  
2       comprising:  
3               information management means of managing communication  
4       information indicating that at least said first information was prevailed by  
5       said first or said second customer; and  
6               information analysis means of executing a collection and analysis  
7       process for said communication information to obtain an analysis result on  
8       a prevalence situation of said first information, which is to be offered to a  
9       provider of said first information.

1       8 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2       claim 7,  
3               wherein said information analysis means ~~execute~~ executes a  
4       collection and analysis process for said communication information based  
5       on customer information of said first and said second customers who  
6       transmit and receive at least said first information.

1       9 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2       claim 3, further comprising:  
3               a third information receiving terminal for said at least one second  
4       customer that receives at least prompt report information that corresponds  
5       to said recommendation information,

6            wherein said second information providing means ~~transmit~~  
7            transmits said prompt report information to said third information  
8            receiving terminal responding to a request by said first information  
9            receiving terminal.

1           10 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2           claim 3,

3           wherein said second information providing means ~~transmit~~  
4           transmits to said second information receiving terminal at least prompt  
5           report information, which corresponds to said recommendation  
6           information, responding to a request by said first information receiving  
7           terminal.

1           11 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2           claim 10, wherein, after said second information providing means  
3           ~~transmitted~~ transmits to said at least one second information receiving  
4           terminal said recommendation information received from said first  
5           information receiving terminal, it said second information providing means  
6           transmits said prompt report information to said third information  
7           receiving terminal in case that no reply from said at least one second  
8           information receiving terminal is present within a pre-determined time.

1           12 (Currently Amended). The information providing system according to  
2           claim 3, wherein said customer information includes at least ~~anyone~~ one of  
3           a name, a race, a nationality, sex, an address, an age, and an occupation.

1           13 (Currently Amended). An information providing method, comprising:  
2           an information providing step of delivering at least ~~anyone~~ one of  
3           first information including a pre-determined program or advertisement and  
4           second information including additional information relating to said first

5 information; and  
6 an information receiving step of receiving at least ~~anyone~~ one of  
7 said first information and said second information with ~~an~~ at least one  
8 information receiving terminal for ~~a~~ at least one customer,  
9 wherein, in said information providing step, in case of transmitting  
10 said second information to said at least one information receiving terminal  
11 with said information providing means, said second information addressed  
12 to said at least one information receiving terminal, ~~which was said second~~  
13 information having been prepared for ~~said a~~ customer using said at least  
14 one information receiving terminal corresponding to customer information  
15 relating to said customer, is transmitted, and  
16 wherein simultaneously an information transfer path, which is used  
17 in case that said first information is transmitted and received between said  
18 information providing means and said at least one information receiving  
19 terminal, and an information transfer path, which is used in case that said  
20 second information is transmitted and received between said information  
21 providing means and said at least one information receiving terminal, are  
22 identical or different.

1 14 (Currently Amended). An information providing method, comprising:  
2 a first information providing step of delivering first information  
3 including a pre-determined program or advertisement via a first  
4 information transfer path with first information providing means;  
5 a second information providing step of delivering second  
6 information including detailed information relating to said first  
7 information via a second information transfer path with second  
8 information providing means; and  
9 an information receiving step of receiving said first information via  
10 said first transfer path and of receiving said second information via said  
11 second information transfer path with ~~an~~ at least one information receiving

12 terminal for a customer, and  
13 wherein, in said second information providing step, with said  
14 information providing means, second information addressed to said at least  
15 one information receiving terminal, which was prepared for ~~said a~~  
16 customer using said at least one receiving terminal corresponding to  
17 customer information relating to said customer, is transmitted.

1 15 (Currently Amended). An information providing method, comprising;  
2 a first information providing step of delivering first information  
3 including a pre-determined program or advertisement via a first  
4 information transfer path with first information providing means;  
5 a second information providing step of delivering second  
6 information including detailed information relating to said first  
7 information via a second information transfer path with second  
8 information providing means;  
9 a first information receiving step of receiving said first information  
10 via said first transfer path and of receiving said second information via said  
11 second information transfer path responding to ~~necessity~~ an input by a first  
12 customer with a first information receiving terminal for a said first  
13 customer; and  
14 a second information receiving step for at least one a second  
15 customer of receiving at least said second information responding to  
16 ~~necessity~~ an input by said at least one second customer via said second  
17 information transfer path with a second information receiving terminal for  
18 a said at least one second customer,  
19 wherein, with said first information receiving terminal,  
20 recommendation information for at least ~~one~~ said at least one second  
21 customer, which was prepared based on said first or said second  
22 information, is transmitted to said at least one second information  
23 receiving terminal for said at least one second customer via said second

24 information providing means responding to ~~necessity~~ an input by said at  
25 least one second customer, and  
26 wherein said second information providing means ~~transmit~~  
27 transmits to said first information receiving terminal said second  
28 information for said first customer, which was prepared corresponding to  
29 first customer information relating to said first customer, responding to a  
30 request from said first information receiving terminal, simultaneously, in  
31 case that it received said recommendation information from said first  
32 information receiving terminal, it second information providing means  
33 transmits said recommendation information to said at least one second  
34 information receiving terminal, and ~~yet~~ transmits to said at least one  
35 second information receiving terminal said second information for said at  
36 least one second customer, which was prepared corresponding to said  
37 recommendation information and second customer information relating to  
38 said at least one second customer, responding to a request from said at  
39 least one second information receiving terminal.

1 16 (Currently Amended). The information providing method according to  
2 claim 15, further comprising:

3 an evaluation step of making an evaluation for rewarding said first  
4 customer responding to a contribution degree by said first customer to  
5 prevalence of at least said first information.

1 17 (Original). The information providing method according to claim 16,  
2 wherein, in case that said first information includes advertising  
3 information, an evaluation is made for rewarding said first customer  
4 responding to a contribution degree to commercial transaction  
5 achievements relating to products or services as an object of an  
6 advertisement.



1 18 (Currently Amended). The information providing method according to  
2 claim 15, further comprising:

3 an information management ~~means~~ step of managing  
4 communication information indicating that at least said first information  
5 was prevailed by said first or said at least a second customer; and

6 an information analysis ~~means~~ step of executing a collection and  
7 analysis process for said communication information to obtain an analysis  
8 result on a prevalence situation of said first information, which is to be  
9 offered to a provider of said first information.

1 19 (Currently Amended). The information providing method according to  
2 claim 15, further comprising:

3 a prompt report information transmission step of transmitting to a  
4 third information receiving terminal for said second customer at least  
5 prompt report information, which corresponds to said recommendation  
6 information, responding to a request by said first information receiving  
7 terminal with said second information providing means; and

8 a prompt report information receiving step of receiving said prompt  
9 report information with said third information receiving terminal,

10 wherein, in said prompt report information transmission step, with  
11 said third information means, after said recommendation information  
12 received from said first information receiving terminal ~~was~~ is transmitted  
13 to said at least one second information receiving terminal, said prompt  
14 report information is transmitted to said third information receiving  
15 terminal in case that no reply from said at least one second information  
16 receiving terminal is present within a pre-determined time.

1 20 (Currently Amended). A record medium in which an information  
2 providing program was recorded, wherein a program is recorded for  
3 causing a computer to execute:

4           an information providing step of delivering at least ~~anyone~~ one of  
5           first information including a pre-determined program or advertisement and  
6           second information including additional information relating to said first  
7           information with information providing means; and  
8           an information receiving step of receiving at least ~~anyone~~ one of  
9           said first information and said second information with ~~an~~ at least one  
10          information receiving terminal for a customer,  
11          wherein, in said information providing step, in case of transmitting  
12          said second information to said at least one information receiving terminal  
13          with said information providing means, said second information addressed  
14          to said at least information receiving terminal, ~~which was~~ said second  
15          information having been prepared for ~~said a~~ customer using said at least  
16          one information receiving terminal corresponding to customer information  
17          relating to said customer, is transmitted, and  
18          wherein simultaneously an information transfer path, which is used  
19          in case that said first information is transmitted and received between said  
20          information providing means and said at least one information receiving  
21          terminal, and an information transfer path, which is used in case that said  
22          second information is transmitted and received between said information  
23          providing means and said at least one information receiving terminal, are  
24          identical or different.

1          21 (Currently Amended). A record medium in which an information  
2          providing program was recorded, wherein a program is recorded for  
3          causing a computer to execute:

4           a first information providing step of delivering first information  
5           including a pre-determined program or advertisement via a first  
6           information transfer path with first information providing means;  
7           a second information providing step of delivering second  
8           information including detailed information relating to said first

9 information via a second information transfer path with second  
10 information providing means; and  
11 an information receiving step of receiving said first information via  
12 said first information transfer path and of receiving said second  
13 information via said second information transfer path with ~~an~~ at least one  
14 information receiving terminal for a customer, and  
15 wherein, in said second information providing step, with said  
16 second information providing means, second information addressed to said  
17 at least one second information receiving terminal, which was prepared for  
18 said a customer using said at least one information receiving terminal  
19 corresponding to customer information relating to said customer, is  
20 transmitted.

1 22 (Currently Amended). A record medium in which an information  
2 providing program was recorded, wherein a program is recorded for  
3 causing a computer to execute:  
4 a first information providing step of delivering first information  
5 including a pre-determined program or advertisement via a first  
6 information transfer path with first information providing means;  
7 a second information providing step of delivering second  
8 information including detailed information relating to said first  
9 information via a second information transfer path with second  
10 information providing means;  
11 a first information receiving step of receiving said first information  
12 via said first information transfer path and of receiving said second  
13 information via said second information transfer path responding to  
14 necessity an input by a first customer with a first information receiving  
15 terminal for a said first customer; and  
16 a second information receiving step for at least one a second  
17 customer of receiving at least said second information via said second

18 information transfer path responding to ~~necessity~~ an input by said at least  
19 one second customer with a second information receiving terminal for a  
20 said at least one second customer,

21 wherein recommendation information for said at least one said  
22 second customer, which was prepared based on said first or said second  
23 information, is transmitted to said at least one second information  
24 receiving terminal for said at least one second customer via said second  
25 information providing means responding to ~~necessity~~ an input by said at  
26 least one second customer with said first information receiving terminal,  
27 and

28 wherein said second information providing means ~~transmit~~  
29 transmits to said first information receiving terminal said second  
30 information for said first customer, which was prepared corresponding to  
31 first customer information relating to said first customer, responding to a  
32 request from said first information receiving terminal, simultaneously, in  
33 case that it received said recommendation information from said first  
34 information receiving terminal, it said second information providing means  
35 transfers said recommendation information to said at least one second  
36 information receiving terminal, and ~~yet~~ transmits to said at least one  
37 second information receiving terminal said second information for said at  
38 least one second customer, which was prepared corresponding to said  
39 recommendation information and second customer information relating to  
40 said at least one second customer, responding to a request from said at  
41 least one second information receiving terminal.

1 23 (Original). The record medium having recorded the information  
2 providing program according to claim 22, wherein a program was recorded  
3 for causing a computer to execute an evaluation step of making an  
4 evaluation for rewarding said first customer responding to a contribution  
5 degree by said first customer to prevalence of at least said first

6 information.

1 24 (Original). The record medium having recorded the information  
2 providing program according to claim 23, wherein, in said evaluation step,  
3 in case that said first information includes advertising information, an  
4 evaluation is made for rewarding said customer responding to a  
5 contribution degree to commercial transaction achievements relating to  
6 products or services as an object of an advertisement.

1 25 (Currently Amended). The record medium having recorded the  
2 information providing program according to claim 22, wherein a program  
3 is recorded for causing a computer to execute:  
4 a prompt report information transmission step of transmitting at  
5 least prompt report information, which corresponds to said  
6 recommendation information to a third information receiving terminal for  
7 said second customer, responding to a request by said first information  
8 receiving terminal with said second information providing means; and  
9 a prompt report information receiving step of receiving said prompt  
10 report information with said third information receiving terminal, and  
11 wherein, in said prompt report information transmission step, with  
12 said second information providing means, after said recommendation  
13 information received from said first information receiving terminal was  
14 transmitted to said at least one second information receiving terminal, said  
15 prompt report information is transmitted to said third information  
16 receiving terminal in case that no reply from said at least one second  
17 information receiving terminal is present within a pre-determined time.